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YOUTH OF THE YEAR

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Yerenia Urbina accepted the Youth Volunteers of the Year Award from Mothers for Police Accountability for the organization Rainier Transit Justice Youth at the 16th Annual Paul Robeson Peace and Justice Awards Celebration Saturday, April 13, at the Central Area Senior Center. The annual event honors people and organizations in the community who exemplify the ideals of peace, justice and unity that Paul Robeson fought for.

CIA Has The Most Fake IDs

Legislative effort tries to limit the practice in law enforcement

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A Washington Department of Licensing program that supplied fake licenses for undercover officers issued the most fake IDs to the Central Intelligence Agency and Defense Department, the Kitsap Sun reported.

In response to a public records request, the department last month showed the newspaper and public radio's Northwest News Network a list of agencies issued confidential licenses since 2007. The CIA topped the list with 288, followed by the Defense Department with 198, then followed mostly by police agencies in the state, such as the Kitsap County sheriff's office and Bremerton Police Department, the Kitsap Sun reported Monday.

But, when the department released the list Friday by email, it lumped together all federal law enforcement agencies without naming them, saying that's classified.

"A lot of information that was compiled should not have been discussed," DOL spokesman Brad Benfield said, citing a nondisclosure agreement some DOL employees signed with the U.S. government.

Chaos Over Math Requirement

Thousands may not graduate because of newest standardized test

By Donna Gordon Blankinship Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) Thousands of high school students in Washington's Class of 2013 don't know yet if they will get a diploma later this spring because they have not yet met the state's newest graduation requirement: a math exam.

Most of their fellow seniors have met their requirements: 77.5 percent of this year's senior class have passed three

statewide tests, are in line to earn all their credits, and are ready to complete a senior project and write a plan for what they want to do after high school. Those percentages look good, considering Washington's on-time graduation rate has hovered just below 80 percent for the past few years.

But about 16,000 students across the state don't yet know if they will need a cap and gown in a couple of months.

The class of 2013 is the first expected to pass either an alge-

bra or geometry test to graduate, although high school students have been taking statewide math exams for years.

About 8,000 students in the class of 2013 have not yet fulfilled the math testing requirement and another 4,300 have not met any of the state testing requirements for reading, writing or math. About 3,800 still need to pass one or two tests.

Nearly 80 students in Seattle Public Schools are in danger of not graduating, just because of the new math test, said Nancy

Steers, the district's assessment coordinator. More are still struggling to meet the writing or reading requirements.

"I would say 90 percent of them are really trying," she said. "They're sweating bullets."

The district has an assessment intervention specialist at most of its high schools and these students are getting help, Seers said, including getting extra assistance from teachers and taking special classes.

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Judge Backs Law Over Mentally Ill

Doctors, not judges, should decide whether patients are released

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) A Pierce County Superior Court judge is backing the current state law on when the mentally ill should be released from Western State Hospital in Lakewood.

While reversing a March 13 ruling by a court commissioner in a case concerning two women committed to Western State more than two dozen times, Judge Jerry Costello said Friday he agrees that with the

state law that says doctors, not judges should make commitment decisions, *The News Tribune* reported in Saturday's newspaper.

Recently, both women were released despite court orders to detain them.

One woman, 27, is a convicted sex offender, and has been institutionalized in various settings since the age of 14. The hospital released her eight days after a court

order involuntarily committed her for 90 days. A day later, she assaulted staff members at an assisted-living facility.

The other woman, 44, is prone to self-mutilation, including stabbing herself in the abdomen and swallowing razor blades. The hospital released her in January, two months before the expiration of a 180-day commit-

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